

**Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 1, 2007**  
**4:05 p.m.**  
**Third Floor, City Hall**

**Present:**                      **Chair: CW Flood**

**Members:**                      **Vice-Chair CM Heiner (late arrival), CW Shanklin, CM Unseld (late arrival), CM Downard, CM Fleming, CW Woolridge, CM Johnson & CM Benson**

**Absent:**                        **CM Kramer & CM King (all excused absences)**

**Also Present:**                **CW Welch, President Blackwell & CW Ward-Pugh**

Chairman Flood began the meeting by announcing the members of the committee and non-committee member that were present. Quorum was established.

**Special Items For Discussion**

1) PARTISAN STAFFING – RICK BLACKWELL, METRO COUNCIL PRESIDENT and RICHARD BELILES – STATE CHAIR, COMMON CAUSE OF KENTUCKY. 2) MSD - TO SPEAK TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION (this was addressed as part of O-175-07-07 CW Flood announced this was not a public hearing)

Discussion: President Blackwell addressed the committee in regards to the current issue of Partisan staffing of the Metro Council. He introduced guest speaker Richard Beliles – State Chair of Common Cause of Kentucky. The discussion involved the following point:

- Structure of the Metro Council staff
- Layoffs would have negative effect on institutional knowledge
- Rules Change
- Bringing a team approach
- Endorse a non-partisan staff
- Saving taxpayers money
- Bring together caucuses
- Providing a Good Government
- No other cities have such caucuses
- Potentially saving the city from litigation

Further discussion will occur on the issue at the Metro Council meeting August 9, 2007.

**PENDING LEGISLATION**

[R-124-07-07 A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF VG REED & SONS, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT.](#)

**Status:**      In-Committee  
**Committee:**      Budget  
**Primary Sponsor:**      George Unseld

Motion made to approve made by Mary C. Woolridge and seconded by Barbara Shanklin.

Discussion: County Attorney Bill O'Brien stated the item was a resolution of intention to issue revenue bonds; this legislation was a heads up to the Metro Council. The issuance of the Bonds would be back before the Council in the future. By unanimous vote, the item was approved and sent to **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

O-175-07-07 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RATES, RENTALS AND CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER AND DRAINAGE SERVICES AND EPA CONSENT DECREE SURCHARGE SET FORTH IN THE RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF THE LOUISVILLE AND JEFFERSON COUNTY METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT (HEREINAFTER "THE DISTRICT") WHICH AMENDS THE DISTRICT'S SCHEDULE OF RATES, RENTALS AND CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER AND DRAINAGE SERVICES PURSUANT TO KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES CHAPTER 76 AND APPROVING THE PLANS FOR THE PROJECTS TO BE PERFORMED.

**Status:** In-Committee  
**Committee:** Budget  
**Primary Sponsor:**  
Tina Ward-Pugh  
Stuart Benson

Motion made to approve made by Mary C. Woolridge and seconded by Barbara Shanklin.

Discussion: The following 3 documents were used as reference items within the discussion:

[MSD 10-year Rate Increase History](#)

[MSD Rate Proposal PowerPoint](#)

[Consent Decree Proposed Projects as of July 1, 2007](#)

Bud Schardein, MSD, introduced himself and the staff present to assist in the discussion. Mr. Schardein gave an overview to the ordinance approving the rates, rentals and charges for the wastewater and drainage services and EPA Consent Decree Surcharge set forth by the Board of MSD. The following highlights the discussion:

- Consent Decree – agreement between the City, Federal, EPA and State natural resources
- Rehabilitation to sewers to eliminate overflows and rebuild aging parts
- Combined carries both storm water and wastewater
- Systems dependability and overload issues
- Other city caparison on fixing sanitary overflows
- Life of the consent decree
- Rate structure
- Will not raise existing sewer or drainage rate
- Discount rates for seniors 65 and over
- Public hearings and presentations held
- How to apply for discount
- Anticipation of next increase
- Take effect in September 2007
- Financing, bonding and surcharge sunsets
- General feedback from citizens
- Progress within the past 10 years
- Debt service
- Approaching the State
- Price per gallon vs. flat rate for residential

Having no further discussion, the committee voted unanimously to approve the item and was sent to **CONSENT CALENDAR.**

O-31-02-07 (S) AN ORDINANCE RE-ENACTING CHAPTER 38.01, 38.02 38.09, AND 38.98 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES. (AS AMENDED)

**Status:** In Committee - Tabled  
**Committee:** Budget  
**Primary Sponsor:** Kevin Kramer

**This item REMAINED TABLED.**

[O-33-02-07 AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE NEW SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES \("LMCO"\) TO DEVELOP A REPORT THAT IDENTIFIES METRO GOVERNMENT'S FUNCTIONS, SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES AND THEIR ASSOCIATED COSTS.](#)

**Status:** In Committee - Held  
**Committee:** Budget  
**Primary Sponsor:**  
Kenneth C. Fleming  
Tina Ward-Pugh

**This item REMAINED HELD IN COMMITTEE.**

[O-120-05-07 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 111, SERIES 2006, RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCE NO. 112, SERIES 2006 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-07 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT, BY TRANSFERRING \\$495,000 FROM THE CITY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS – SHERIFF.](#)

**Status:** In Committee - Tabled  
**Committee:** Budget  
**Primary Sponsor:**  
Kelly Downard  
Hal Heiner  
Kevin Kramer

**This item REMAINED TABLED**

[DISCHARGE PETITION 7-26-07 ON 8-9-07 COUNCIL AGENDA . O-171-07-07 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 127, SERIES 2007, RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT, BY AMENDING DESCRIPTIVE LANGUAGE RELATED TO METRO COUNCIL STAFFING.](#)

**Status:** In Committee - Held  
**Committee:** Budget  
**Primary Sponsor:**  
Rick Blackwell  
Tina Ward-Pugh

This item was Discharged by Petition from the committee to the Metro Council at the July 26<sup>th</sup> Metro Council Meeting. It will be on the August 9<sup>th</sup> Metro Council Agenda under Old Business.

#### **BUDGET COMMITTEE AGENDA VIEW ONLY**

Motion made to adjourn made by Dan Johnson and seconded by Mary C. Woolridge. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:28PM

**\*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the August 9, 2007 Metro Council Meeting. Full discussion is available upon request of the Clerk's Office (502) 574-3902.**  
**KLP**